

corresponding graphic representation of the instance of the action date object displayed in the graphical user interface;

generating an instance of the action list object when the graphic representation of the action list object is selected, the instance of the action list object having a corresponding graphic representation of the instance of the action list object displayed in the graphical user interface;

generating an instance of the action object when the graphic representation of the action object is selected, the instance of the action object having a corresponding graphic representation of the instance of the action object displayed in the graphical user interface; and

assembling a bolt that graphically represents the automated task list by associating the graphic representation of the instance of the action object with the graphic representation of the instance of the action list object and by associating the graphic representation of the instance of the action list object with the graphic representation of the instance of the action date object by way of the graphical user interface.

REMARKS

Applicant requests entry of this Amendment E pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.312 to correct formal matters in three drawings and three claims.

The requested claim amendments add a few words in the language of each claim to clarify that the association of objects occurs between “instances of” the claimed objects. In claim 11, “the” has been changed to “an” in two places, again to clarify in the language of the claim that the association of claimed objects occurs between instances of those claimed objects.

A complete set of replacement (formal drawings) are submitted herewith in response to the Draftsperson’s objection sent with the Notice of Allowance. No new

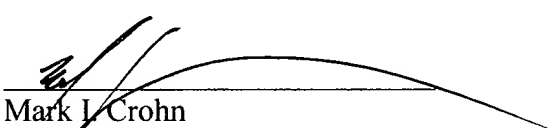
matter has been added to the replacement drawings. Applicant requests entry of these replacement drawings in substitution for the informal drawings originally filed.

Figures 7A, 7B and 27 each have one citation that was transcribed incorrectly in the informal drawings. In Figures 7A, the citation "2" should read "240" (supported at Specification, page 24, line 22). In Figures 7B, the citation "2" should also read "240" (supported at Specification, page 26, line 16). In Figure 27, element 2626b was mistakenly associated with two items in the informal drawing. The first of those entries has been corrected in the new formal drawings to read 2624b (supported at Specification, page 42, line 9). The proposed changes have already been made to Figures 7A, 7B and 27 in the set of replacement (formal) drawings submitted with the issue fee.

If the Examiner has any questions, she is invited to telephone the Applicant at the telephone number indicated below. Thank you for your consideration.

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Respectfully submitted,



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MARK-UP OF AMENDED CLAIMS

Please amend claims 9, 11 and 12, as follows:

9. (Amended) A method for programming automated task lists to be performed by a computer system, comprising:
- providing an object model, including an action date object and an action object;
 - the action date object having an associated date property that specifies a point in time;
 - the action object having an associated task method;
 - associating an instance of the action object with an instance of the action date object, wherein the association of a component with another component includes making the component aware of the other component such that the component can access certain of the properties, methods or events associated with the other component;
 - configuring the action object to perform a specific task method;
 - providing a graphical user interface having:
 - a graphic representation of the action date object; and
 - a graphic representation of the action object;
 - generating an instance of the action date object when the graphic representation of the action date object is selected, the instance of the action date object having a corresponding graphic representation of the instance of the action date object displayed in the graphical user interface;
 - generating an instance of the action object when the graphic representation of the action object is selected, the instance of the action object having a corresponding graphic representation of the instance of the action object displayed in the graphical user interface;
 - assembling a bolt that graphically represents the automated task list by associating the graphic representation of the instance of the action object with the graphic

representation of the instance of the action date object by way of the graphical user interface; and

storing information pertaining to associated instances of the object model objects as an automated task list.

11. (Amended) A method for programming automated task lists to be performed by a computer system, comprising:

providing an object model, including an action date object, an action list object and an action object;

the action date object having an associated date property that specifies a point in time;

the action object having an associated task method;

associating an instance of the action list object with the an instance of the action date object;

associating the an instance of the action object with the instance of the action list object, thereby associating the instance of the action object with the instance of the action date object through the instance of the action list object;

configuring the action object to perform a specific task method;

storing information pertaining to associated instances of the object model objects as an automated task list; and

wherein the association of a component with another component includes making the component aware of the other component such that the component can access certain of the properties, methods or events associated with the other component.

12. (Amended) The method of Claim 11, further comprising:

providing a graphical user interface having:

a graphic representation of the action date object;

a graphic representation of the action list object;

a graphic representation of the action object; and

generating an instance of the action date object when the graphic representation of the action date object is selected, the instance of the action date object having a corresponding graphic representation of the instance of the action date object displayed in the graphical user interface;

generating an instance of the action list object when the graphic representation of the action list object is selected, the instance of the action list object having a corresponding graphic representation of the instance of the action list object displayed in the graphical user interface;

generating an instance of the action object when the graphic representation of the action object is selected, the instance of the action object having a corresponding graphic representation of the instance of the action object displayed in the graphical user interface; and

assembling a bolt that graphically represents the automated task list by associating the graphic representation of the instance of the action object with the graphic representation of the instance of the action list object and by associating the graphic representation of the instance of the action list object with the graphic representation of the instance of the action date object by way of the graphical user interface.



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Fig. 7A
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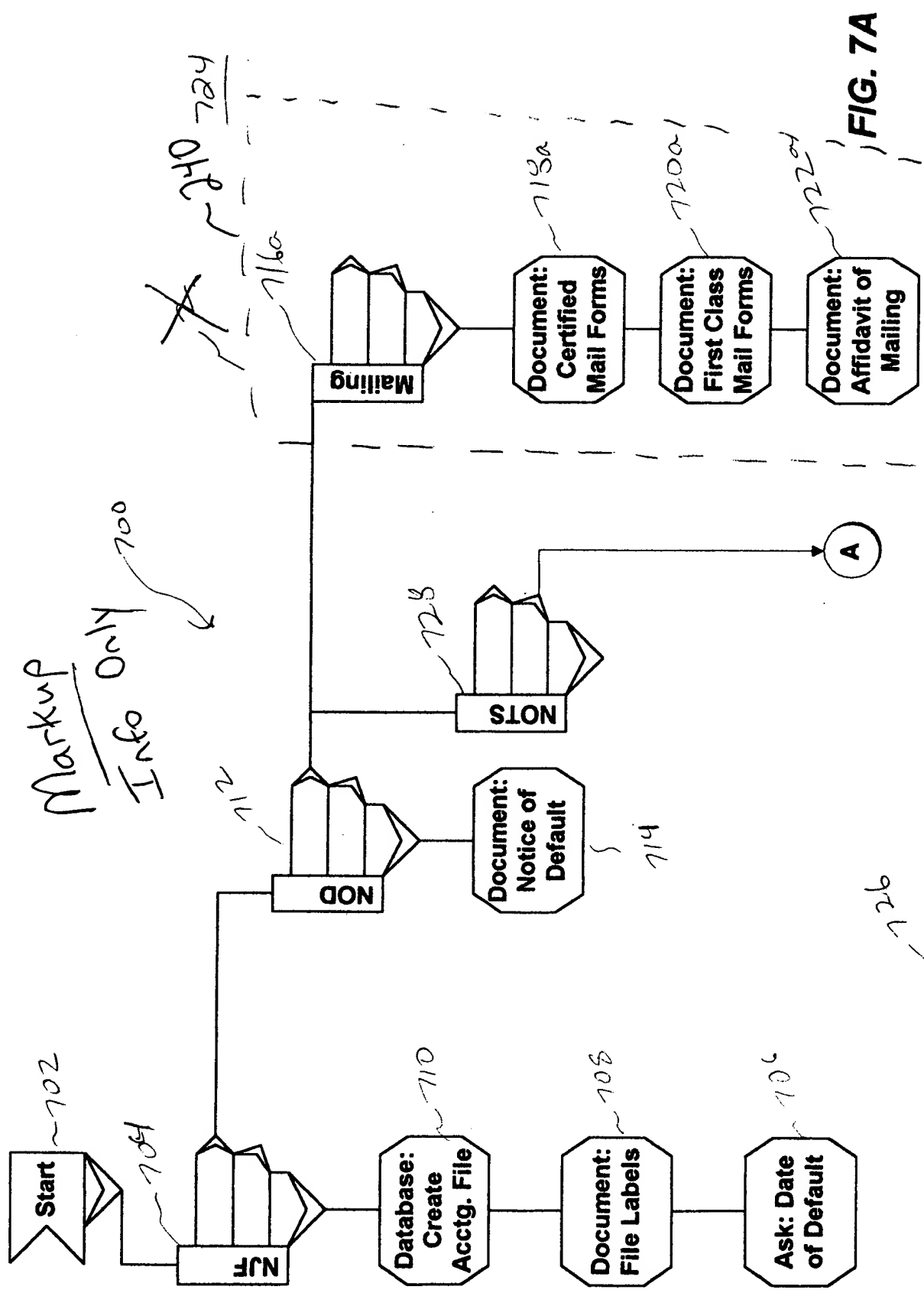
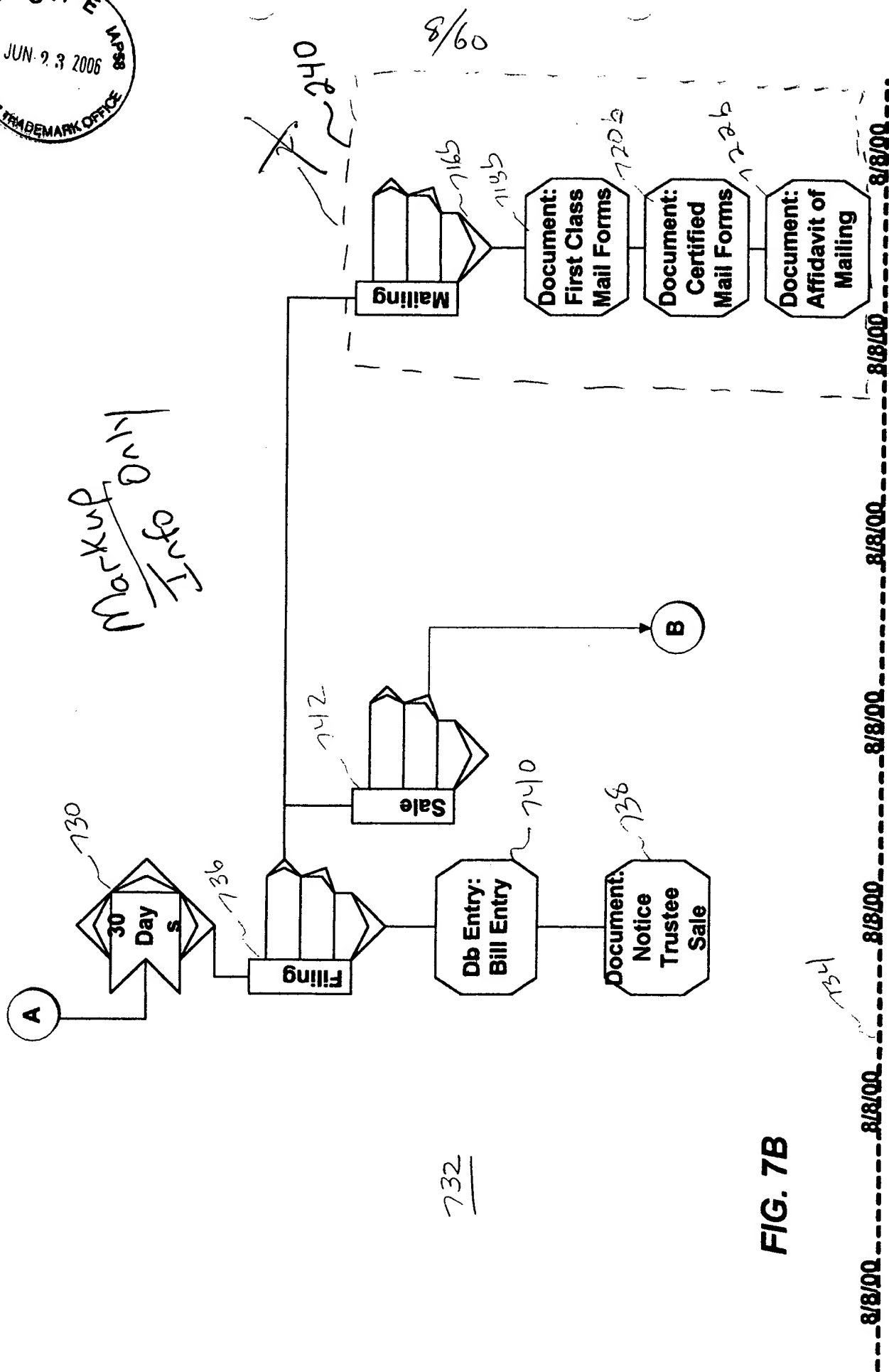


FIG. 7A

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